

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on January 12, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 91, 1/6/2017; SB 74, 1/6/2017

Executive Action: SB 84 Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 91

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:53 Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 91, Clarify what constitutes as shooting from a vehicle for hunting purposes.

[EXHIBIT\(fis09a01\)](#)

00:02:27 Sen. Howard entered the meeting.

00:02:44 Sen. Smith entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:05 Rob Arnaud, hunter

[EXHIBIT\(fis09a02\)](#)

00:09:31 Sen. Phillips entered the meeting.

00:09:45 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

00:10:26 Mack Long, rancher, Charlo

00:12:12 Brian McCullough, hunter, Helena

00:18:16 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:13 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:21:47 Sen. Welborn entered the meeting

Informational Testimony:

00:22:49 Dave Loewen, Law Enforcement Division, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:19 Sen. Phillips

00:23:49 Mr. Gevock, MWF

00:24:41 Sen. Hinebaugh

00:25:07 Mr. Gevock

00:25:12 Sen. Hinebaugh

00:25:27 Mr. Gevock

00:25:39 Sen. Hinebaugh

00:25:53 Mr. Gevock

00:26:09 Sen. Hinebaugh

00:26:31 Mr. Gevock

00:27:19 Sen. Vincent

00:28:37 Mr. Gevock

00:28:52 Sen. Vincent

00:29:16 Mr. Gevock

00:29:34 Sen. Vincent

00:30:04 Mr. Gevock
 00:30:21 Sen. Vincent
 00:30:41 Mr. Gevock
 00:31:00 Sen. Vincent
 00:31:11 Mr. Gevock
 00:31:31 Sen. Facey
 00:32:31 Sen. Hinkle
 00:33:23 Sen. Facey
 00:34:08 Sen. Hinkle
 00:35:30 Sen. Howard
 00:35:53 Sen. Hinkle
 00:36:11 Sen. Cohenour
 00:36:37 Mr. Arnaud
 00:37:26 Sen. Cohenour
 00:37:37 Mr. Arnaud

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:04 Sen. Hinkle

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 84

00:41:32 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 84 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:42:09 Sen. Facey
 00:42:47 Sen. Vincent
 00:43:41 Sen. Cohenour
 00:44:22 Sen. Howard
 00:44:31 Sen. Hinebauch
 00:45:32 Chair Fielder

00:45:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:46:24 Recess
 01:06:47 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 74

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:07:01 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 74, Authorize FWP commission to require barbless hooks in catch-and-release waters.

[EXHIBIT\(fis09a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:00 Eileen Ryce, Fisheries Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis09a04)

01:21:30 Robin Cunningham, executive director, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

01:24:07 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited of Montana (WUM)

01:29:33 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:54 Sen. Howard
 01:31:24 Ms. Ryce, FWP
 01:31:54 Sen. Howard
 01:32:04 Ms. Ryce
 01:32:47 Sen. Howard
 01:33:01 Ms. Ryce
 01:33:09 Sen. Hinkle
 01:34:14 Sen. Connell
 01:35:46 Sen. Cohenour
 01:36:05 Ms. Ryce
 01:37:30 Sen. Cohenour
 01:37:41 Ms. Ryce
 01:37:58 Sen. McClafferty
 01:38:21 Ms. Ryce
 01:38:28 Sen. McClafferty
 01:38:39 Ms. Ryce
 01:39:40 Sen. McClafferty
 01:39:52 Ms. Ryce
 01:40:02 Sen. Vincent
 01:40:33 Mr. Gevock, MWF
 01:41:16 Chair Fielder
 01:41:36 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
 01:42:44 Sen. Hinkle
 01:44:13 Ms. Ryce

Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:32 Sen. Connell

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:50 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([fis09aad.pdf](#))